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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த கேள்வி எத்தனையோ முறை கேட்கப்பட்டுவிட்டது. பழுப்பு நிலக்கரி சுரங்கத்தில் ஆராய்ச்சி இன்னும் முடியவில்லை. ஆராய்ச்சி முடிந்த பிறகு திட்டம் தயாரிக்கப்படும். அப்பொழுது சேலத்தில் இரும்பு எடுக்கும் திட்டத்தையும் எடுத்துக்கொள்வோம்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* EXERCISE OF THE POWER UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE MALABAR TENANCY ACT, 1951, AS AMENDED, BY ACT OF 1954, BY THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon Member Sri Narayana Kurup has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I draw the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to the failure of the Collector of Malabar to exercise the jurisdiction vested in him under section 53 of the Malabar Tenancy Act, 1951, as amended by Act of 1954."

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, under the Malabar Tenancy Act, 1929, as amended by the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1954, if before the expiry of the period of twelve months from the commencement of the Act or such further time as the Collector may from time to time allow in respect of the lands situated in any tract or village, the tenant of a holding pays to the landlord the entire rent payable in respect of that holding for the six agricultural years beginning with the year 1947–48 and ending with 1952–53, the landlord shall not be entitled to recover from the tenant any outstanding arrears of rent due in respect of the holding for any previous agricultural year. The Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act came into force from 19th March 1954. Hence, the period of limitation prescribed above expires on 18th March 1955, unless the Collector extends the time.

" Now, the Collector was requested to examine the necessity for extension of the time prescribed and issue orders on or before the 18th March 1955. Now six months' time has been given and the Collector has been given the necessary instructions."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I thank the Government for the prompt action taken."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I would like to inform the House as well as the Hon. Minister through you, Sir, that on the representation of the Kisan Sangham, the Collector of Malabar has already passed orders extending the time for payment of the arrears of rent by six months."